

First part letter in other Book

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#13583 Jas B Cosgrove \$18.00 Deer 86 #948. Robt.

Farmer #13550 Jan'y 88. + #1116 Carveth / Brandon  
nor are any of these holes on Achesons list. It  
is almost impossible to get along without the  
holes as the first question they ask is what  
hole was given for and if I cannot tell them  
definitely half of them repudiate the whole thing  
in the Oak Lakes holes. You did not give me  
#400 or Henry Oliver #83.75 Deer 87. #13645 Ed Parker  
\$34.60 Nov 86. #7032. Mr Bouleau 47.85 met 85  
+ Geo P Lirr. also in Varden holes #8392 J  
Rol. 49.35 Jan'y 86. #9275 + 6. Geo H Nemo 135.95 +  
4744.10 Jan'y 86 + 87. #11376 Gualdant 1754 Jan'y 88  
In this last I see what judgment. #13557 Arthur  
Perry #3550 Jan'y 87. #40023 Jc McArthur \$83.39  
Feb'y 89. + H McPhir 75 Jan'y 86 #3145 - 6 - 7. Feb'y  
86 - 87 - 88 the same man. nor are any of these  
on Mambur list. There are also a few on the  
list that I have not got in my book. I wish  
you would let me have all these holes at once  
so that I can proceed without delay. I expect  
to go out to Souris Monday if you can send  
me the Souris holes or I may in any case.  
I don't know how long I will be there but  
expect Brandon will be my address until  
Wednesday or Thursday. A. Grandview.



also let me have the list & balance of notes  
along the line as soon as possible. I hope to  
finish up the lot I have next week and if the  
rest are no better than the ones I have already  
gone over they are a mighty poor line. In  
sending balance of notes & list give me  
full explanations to save delay in writing  
and it also helps me very much in  
deciding what to do in many cases.

I saw Miller about his notes. he is not in  
business with Paisley but Carrup on business  
under name of Miller & Co he says business  
is not his but that an Eastern firm is  
running it or rather he is running it for an  
Eastern firm. He also says he is not worth  
a cent. thousands of Dollars are outstanding  
against him since failure and in an  
Case machinery ng. & c & c. & that Rogers  
offered to return him notes for \$5. I offered  
to settle for \$5 & he offered me \$2 which I  
refused. what do you think we should do  
with him settle (or more correctly speaking give  
the notes away) or sell) In whose judgment you  
told me to ask Gilmour about. I did not get time  
he promised to write me all particulars I have  
not heard from him yet I wish you would let  
me know the details in each case  
H. W. Row



Brandon Sept 16 1890

JH Quinour Esq

Barrister & C

Brandon

Dear Sir

Mrs McPhail

McPhail was in town yesterday and we talked the whole matter over in Peterson's office. He apparently did not feel like exceeding Peterson's offer. The particulars of which I wrote you on Friday, but at last raised \$75. I think I can raise them \$5 more but am not sure. I stuck to \$70 but they would not come up, saying they would sooner fight and if we won let us get what we could, which they said would be nothing. I think I should be for there is \$50 due on his mortgage 500 incumbrance on his stock crop he has 110 acres of wheat besides stock. Bills Farm help & c & c. He cannot pay anything this fall so he says but will pay as next year. Peterson says that if the man says he will pay he will, but as long as he don't want to we would have hard work to make him.



I think perhaps we had better take \$150 if I can get them to that point. I told them yesterday that I would not take less than on my own responsibility but would write you about \$150.

The man apparently has had hard lines and his paper was worthless.

Edwin going to Sauris on this morning train will be back Thursday or Friday. So if you could write me here your opinion in the matter I will endeavor to make some arrangements on my return.

Robert & Lewis

I saw Clifford Sifton left Saturday in this case and I expect to make a settlement by which we will get a few dollars.

I received your letter of yesterday morning and was sorry to know you were suffering from such a severe cold. I did not intend to display so much hurry in my letter as to make it necessary to write you on Sunday.

The weather has been wet more or less ever since leaving Winnipeg and almost nothing has been done by way of stacking. I expect to make arrangements with Thomas by which



Brandon Sept 16 1890

J. J. Calvert Esq  
Bray 1319 Wummpes  
Main

Dear Sir,

I am going out to Oacris this morning  
and am afraid I only have a few minutes to  
write. I received both of your letters OK & will  
attend to matters suggested. I expect to make  
a settlement with Thomas by which we  
can go on & sell Engine. The offer I made them  
was we to pay him \$210. out of proceeds of  
sale. and if we got \$300 or over for Engine to  
pay him in full out of proceeds. & he of course  
will help us to sell. I think he will accept  
these terms. Personally I am satisfied that  
his is good as against ours, if we have  
a lien at all and I expect the Engine was  
unsalable before the repairs were put on.  
Thomas knows a man whom he thinks  
might buy & we will drive out and  
see him on my return. Have you any  
one in view to whom you think we could  
sell Thomas says Engine should bring  
\$350. but I think it would be better to take



500 thou had a lot. Could you not arrange  
 some such terms with Garrett & Menne  
 as to Chapler Engine. They cant sell it to  
 realize their charges & it is a jumbo on  
 their hands. I think they should be willing  
 to allow a sale to be made or help was sold  
 by us & they to receive their share out of  
 proceeds. Before I forget it I want you to  
 send me some money. I will be strapped  
 by Saturday night unless you do. Send  
 it to me here at Brandon. I guess you  
 might as well send \$100. and it would  
 save trouble of again remitting in a week  
 or two. I have not done very much with  
 these decks as yet but I am working  
 several schemes by which I hope to make  
 settlements. I may write you in detail when  
 I have more time at my disposal as to  
 Martin Wells I hardly know what to say  
 if we could get balance due of wells I  
 would not care but if we cannot I hold  
 to let go the hold we have. In any case  
 we should have balance due by wells  
 put in some shape & if he wont go to truck  
 Dont you think it would be better for you  
 to go up and see him & get the matter in some



shape, for as it now stands it is most unsatisfactory & I am certain Wells won't pay any more money unless it is in definite shape. I've now arranged with him I would take the \$100 from Shaw.

Have you heard from Meyers, you might be able to wind this up also, if he has not written. I offered to take Sub & Cook half this fall & half next secured or if they would pay all I would not stick at a few dollars I think they will come to this or nearly in fact Meyers almost offered \$200 without Cook when I was there. The man don't appear worth much and it is simply a question of the best possible settlement. How does the Fred C. Thorne matter stand? Lyman wrote me that he had no trace of it also J. McDonald & Robt. Farmer both judgments so you said. In what Court is Israel Doughty? Can you tell me who sold the machinery in the Cranston case & all about it as far as you can. There <sup>is</sup> a Cranston living here & I would like to get hold of the right one & make him pay if possible in cash.

Yours truly  
R. W. Rowell



Sawyer Sept 16, 1890

Mr. Tracy Esq  
 Barrister at Law  
 London E.C.

Dear Mr. Tracy

Since my last writing you nothing very special has occurred on which I can report. I started on my westward trip a week ago to day, & have got this far on my journey. The notes along the line up to & including Brandon with the exception of one or two are all marked n.g. and in many cases this report was not far off the mark. But although I cannot report anything very definite in any special case, I have a number of schemes on foot and negotiations pending by which I expect we will be able to net \$500. or weeks work. This may seem a small amount but the notes were not large & were widely scattered. Of course I mean 300 out of notes marked n.g. Those marked good. The few I had will also come all right. The weather has been so wet & disagreeable that driving has been difficult and on some days impossible. but yesterday and today have



been fine & bright and I am in hopes we can  
 look forward to a few weeks of such weather.  
 During the past 4<sup>th</sup> 3 weeks we have had rain  
 at least every other day. sometimes more. Sometimes  
 less but always enough to keep the grain  
 wet. Some has commenced to sprout but I  
 think if we get fine weather from now on  
 the damage will not be serious. of course the  
 greater part of the grain will be covered by the rain.  
 The farmers have been in a state of great anxiety  
 & some in their anxiety have stacked grain  
 not yet dry. with the result as I heard today of  
 one man having to pull down 9 stacks his  
 grain was spoiling and I don't think he will  
 be the only one.

Brandon is a very pleasant enterprising  
 town & the country around is one of the best  
 farming districts in the Province. I was 20  
 miles south of Brandon Saturday afternoon  
 and the country all through looks well. I  
 made the 40 miles out & to Rock after 2.30  
 P.M. Mr W Macdonald solicitor was with me and  
 on the return we had the pleasure for 15 miles  
 of allowing the horses to find the road for us  
 It was dark & raining neither of us knew  
 the road. nor would it have made much



difference as it was impossible to see the trail but the horses brought us through safe sound by 10.30pm and it is not necessary to say after such a drive and at such an hour I did not object to a good hearty dinner. I expect to drive to Delaware tomorrow 40 miles from here taking in a half dozen parties on the way making the trip about 60 miles & will endeavor to get back the next day by a different road & see a number more.

How far do you think a credit of a resale on a note would prevent the statute of limitations from running? There are different cases up here where note is more than 6 years past due & no payment save amt realized by resale. Also would a note say due 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 83 & sued 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 89. be in time to prevent stat. ~~running~~ operating as a bar to the claim. I never noticed the point, but I would think there could be no doubt that the 3<sup>rd</sup> would be soon enough as the days of grace should be allowed but how about the 4<sup>th</sup>. we have two cases in which this arises. Do you think I had better go & see the 1<sup>st</sup> & see Hook on Stewart debt where I am at Elkton 11 hrs 25 miles north & had we better sell at what it will bring now or wait for an



increase in price which they anticipate if this  
crop is safely harvested

I saw by the papers that you argued DesRoisiers  
& Wallace in Toronto the other day, has decision  
been given yet?

I went out to Infantry Barracks last  
Monday to call on Col Taylor, but he was not  
in. I will call again when I return to  
Winnipeg.

With kind regards to all in the office

Yours sincerely  
R. W. Rowell



Winnipeg Sept 23/90

Mr Fraser Esq  
Barrister  
Brandon Mt.

Dear Mr Fraser,

I am in receipt of your letter of 18th inst. which was forwarded to me to Brandon & must sincerely thank you for your suggestion Re going through to the Coast.

During the past week though I cannot report any large collections or settlements I have succeeded in disposing of some half dozen disputed cases which have been hanging fire for from one to 4 years. There were almost all North American or Globe works. Binders which appear to have been perfectly useless and caused the loss of one crop at least to the purchaser in an attempt to make them work. In one case Globe works notes.

Mr McPhail. The defendant had obtained an order for security for costs over a year ago & we had done nothing since. He left owned 14 sec worth about 1600, encumbered to about 700 or 800. & a mortgage of 500 on his crop



and spock & was almost in a position to defer  
 our judgment when we got it. Though the man  
 appeared to be honest & hard working, I settled  
 the claim for \$150 payable next year. The man  
 could pay nothing this as his crop was moved  
 for all it was worth. This amt secured by second  
 mortgage on land. This makes the \$150 perfectly  
 secure. Mr Gilmour concurred in the settlement.  
 Another case where the man had died about  
 5 years ago, leaving his farm encumbered  
 with heavy liabilities. nothing had been done since.  
 The face of farm notes was \$110. & I obtained a  
 settlement from widow, who by hard work  
 has pulled the farm out of the hole where  
 her husband left it, at \$1100. This amount is  
 perfectly good. This in the report was marked  
 bad. The former case being globe works  
 was not reported on. In another case of  
 globe workshinder where the parties had  
 always refused to pay & thus the matter  
 stood. The debtor having but little <sup>not</sup> exempt  
 from seizure. I settled for full face value  
 but at between 5 & 6% payable 100 this  
 fall & balance next secured by mortgage on  
 1/2 sec worth \$500 at the least encumbered  
 to the extent of \$60. This amount may also be



Considered perfectly secure. The other cases were similar in one I settled the whole business \$150 for 90 but the man was m.g. as reported by Calvert & local Solicitor & that was all I could get out of him in fact they all refuse point blank to pay a cent until they are talked into it. I was also able by a little investigation to get some valuable information about two parties who had left the Country I got their address; found their land, and discovered parties who owe each one of them more than amt of our claim. In one case where our claim is \$150 the man owns a sec. subject to \$2000 & unless for \$250. we will take steps at once to garnish rent. as we can garnish here before judgment. all these cases where settlements were made or where I made a discovery of parties location the report; where there was one. was "bad"

The weather for the past. five days has been all that could be desired for farming purposes and the stocking & threshing are progressing rapidly. Should the fine weather continue during the balance of this week as it has every appearance of doing. the greater part of the wheat will be stocked. The sample in



Some colonies is not so good as it was  
 at one time expected to be. In some cases it's  
 badly bleached. But taking the crop as a  
 whole there is going to be a lot of good grain  
 in the country. During last week I drove over  
 75 miles through Central & Southern Manitoba  
 and any one who likes to see plenty and  
 apparent prosperity could not but enjoy  
 the scene. The more I travel through the country  
 the better I like it. I am commencing to  
 navigate a little with a driver. I  
 drove 36 miles southwest Selkirk last  
 Thursday after 3:30 o'clock making some  
 stops on the way. I drove 10 miles after dark  
 without seeing a sign of house or human  
 habitation guiding my course by the stars  
 the first time I ever put them to practical use  
 or rather in Manitoba is the first place I have  
 done so. I have often taken them as pilots  
 here. When I struck the first farm house (and  
 I confess I was getting anxious to find  
 one as I know I had gone about far enough  
 if I was on right trail) I found myself just  
 5 miles south of where I wanted to go.  
 But as there was no direct trail or trail which  
 I could follow in the dark I stayed all



night. They were good Scotch Presbyterians  
 who was lacking in surroundings and  
 in Bill of Fare they made up in hospitality. On  
 Friday I drove 80 miles. I changed horses  
 in the afternoon and on Friday Saturday  
 morning arriving at Brandon at 11 P.M.  
 The farmers appear in much better humor  
 than a week or ten days ago. There is more  
 than hope for the Country yet. I came  
 down to Winnipeg this afternoon to consult  
 with Calvert about several matters in which  
 negotiations for settlements were pending  
 and also to get notes & instructions for the  
 holes away out west. I am endeavoring  
 to get everything in shape so that I can  
 go west again tomorrow evening. I will  
 continue westward until main line is  
 completed. I find that the farther west I get.  
 The more necessary is careful attention to the  
 holes. I expect it will take fully six weeks  
 if not more for me to complete the line when  
 this however is complete I hope to have notes  
 in such a shape as to get off for a week  
 or so to visit the Coast. I suppose your  
 brother has fully recovered long before this  
 is back at the office as usual with kind regards  
 to all  
 Yours sincerely W. W. Rowell



Brandon, Apr 25/90

H. Achison Esq.

Barrister at Law

Sacramento

Dear Sir,

I Enclose a note signed by James Ames for \$100. This note is also to be signed by the Ames & Geo Ames & when so signed is to be accepted by us in full of our claim provided certain representations made by James Ames as to his financial position is found correct. James Ames promised me Saturday evening last that his brothers would come in & sign this at your office next Saturday night. I enclose also an unsigned note a duplicate of note signed by James Ames. If you can get all parties to sign this note do so, & tear up the one signed by James. I wish you would do this if it can possibly be done. You can tell them that it will save two witnesses signing note & C & C my real reason is. I fear that the note I send you was signed after 12 o'clock Saturday night & Ames I think is just



sharp enough to make as trouble if he  
 Com. you might return note after signature  
 to Mr. Calvert.

I also Enclose note #136 or. Jno Hutchinson  
 \$10 Int. I did not intend to take this  
 note with me. as it was not included in  
 settlement. This is a note of Jno Hutchinson  
 Jr. I told him to pay the money to you. He  
 promised to do so by 1st November.

I suppose Brandon has given you the  
 order on Massey & Co.

Yours truly  
 N. M. Powell



McGue Sept 26 1890

J J Calvert Esq.  
Winnipeg man

Dear Sir/

Re Williams notes

I saw Mr. W. Williams about this claim yesterday but could not come to any settlement as he refused to do anything before seeing his Brother. He said he had not heard of claim from the day Engine was taken back until now & that the Agent who took the machinery promised to return notes. He claimed to know the law & that we could not collect if we took machinery before judgment. I tried to disabuse his mind of this delusion (If it be a delusion?) but in any case he claimed that machinery was paid for as we had sold for more than the balance due on notes. I wish you would send me the original bill also a statement showing all payments distinguishing those obtained by resale & making up the balance due. I would like this as soon as possible as Mr. W. is coming down to McEwen to see you in about a week and I promised



let them have it before that time. you might  
 send it to me at Virden & I will forward to them  
 I wish to write them a letter at same time  
 W. owns  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. worth \$1600 encumbered by mortgage  
 \$800 he has 115 acres magnificent wheat  
 which should yield 30 Bushels to acres mortgage for  
 about \$800. so you see there is a good margin  
 & also has  $\frac{1}{2}$  interest in 68 acres wheat on his  
 brother William's farm.

William is down at Melus for buying wheat  
 & owns  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. & preemption & has not yet  
 got his patent as he has not lived in it long  
 enough at any one time. There are no judgments  
 against him and his  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec after paying  
 his preemption should be worth at least \$2000  
 it is first class land. I wish his note had  
 not been out-lawed. He was not under the  
 delusion you thought he was. in fact he  
 let me straight. "your note is out-lawed not  
 worth a cent" but I worked a scheme that  
 helped me out somewhat. I gave the note to Gilman  
 last night & told him to issue writ this morning  
 which I expect he did so I tried the bluff game  
 & said writ was issued & CRO but as case was  
 none too strong I had to act cautiously  
 not push too much & I also knew that I



must get a settlement in this before his brother saw him about Thresher notes. I so I got notes for \$300. \$50 this fall & \$400 next fall I enclose notes. I think we could have worked another \$100 or \$150 out of him had we been in a position to force matters. as his brother should certainly be good for amt. after settled this up & put notes in pocket I talked him about the other with result as above stated.

I wish you would write a good strong demanding letter to all parties from whom we have taken machinery or from whom machinery has been taken. stating that you must again request payment & C.O.C. It would prepare them for the rude awakening that a personal call gives them & I would be better able to make settlements as they would have had time to think matter over. I think the position we should take in any case is. The company took the machinery back sold same & pd amt into us which we have credited on notes & look to the makers for the balance. Re S J Little

Baker the son of Douglas will send you \$50 in full of this claim on 1st Nov. I left the notes with them & I am satisfied we will get



get the money all o.k.

Re Holmes

I did not tell you yesterday, for reasons, that Holmes has 50 acres wheat which Sheriff has not seized & which neither the Sheriff, Elliot or Harris knows exists. I saw it when I was out there & then I put it to Curran straight he admitted the fact. They are of course very anxious to settle & will go on in that in a pinch all round but they wont us to help them through with compromise. I think they will go as the 700 I asked. I have left the case in Barrells hands & you might write him. I told Curran that we should not hold off & let the others scoop the pot & that if we delayed he should get us a confession of judgment. So that if settlement not carried out we would come in. This he promised to do. but I think he is a ——— & Barrell is going to try & get Chas Mogg to secure us. we had better keep dark about this other 50 acres wheat. I am going up to Virden tonight

Yours truly

D.W. Rowell

The Bailiff has seized Bradleys Crop & the old man claims it. I said we would fight. what do you think? while thinks they will settle sooner than go to Court



Virden Sept 26 1890

W & Hunter Esq  
Barrister at  
Law  
Ottawa

Dear Sir!

I must apologize for not sending you the \$<sup>20</sup> sooner but on my return to Brandon. I was again disappointed that I should become another man's debtor in order to get out of the town. I have however at last got out of financial straits & beg to Enclose the amount with many many thanks for your kindness  
R. S. H. Robinson

I asked this matter over with Calvert & he promised to send you note with instructions to get hold of this money if you can.  
R. Oliver Johnson

I find I cannot very well take this note out of Aicheison's hands & so have written Johnson to send the money to Aicheison not to you. You understand the position & will know my reasons.

I also asked Calvert to send you a check note kindly acknowledge receipt so I will know you have recd it. But I am not sure.  
Yours truly  
McRae



Verden Sept 26 1890

Allen W. Turner Esq.

Pondgeha Prairie  
Man.

Dear Sir,

Re Molsons Bank Mgrs.

on account of the new real property  
act. I find they will not register your Mgrs  
to the Bank unless it is put under this act.  
It had to be done some time as nothing can  
be done with property unless it is and it costs  
very little for the grantee from the Crown  
to get certificate. It would not cost you  
more than <sup>2</sup>40<sup>00</sup> disbursements & I wish you  
would send your Patent into Mr Calvert  
so that we can have the necessary proceedings  
taken. Of course was as mortgages can do  
it by getting a Certificate of your Patent  
from the Government & making the application  
but this is only incurring useless expenditure  
to back you but seeing you have patent  
kindly attend to matter at once I wrote to your  
brother some time ago to send in Patent but have  
not heard from him & we cannot delay  
application much longer yours truly  
J. W. Rowell



Oakhall Sept 20/90

W A McDonald Esq  
 Barrister at Law  
 Brandon man

Dear Sir,

Re Creighton

I drove out & saw Creighton yesterday about his note, you remember writing Calvert telling me that O'Donohue said Creighton had settled with him for this note, Calvert tells me that O'Donohue never had this note, it did not belong to him and he had no right or authority to settle for it. & we had no knowledge that he had done so. Creighton told me that Healy & Caldwell who were O'Donohue's solicitors sued him for all these notes and he paid them for same. Creighton appears to be an honest old gentleman & if he states the facts as I expect he does O'Donohue must be a rogue. I enclose your note & Creighton will be in the latter part of the week to see about it, naturally, he does not wish to pay note twice, but we certainly are not to blame, & cannot afford to loose for O'Donohue's sin.

The note now amounts to about £60. I would sooner



make a small reduction, considering the  
 circumstances, than go to suit. At the same time  
 Crighton is good for full amount if we are  
 enabled to recover we can't reduce our claim to  
 much. He said if he had to pay he did not  
 know whether he could pay all this year or not  
 we would like it wound up this year but I  
 do not wish to press the old man too hard and  
 if he cannot pay <sup>all</sup> this year I do renewal notes  
 for this fall & for next. The old gentleman is  
 honest I think & if he thinks he has to pay will  
 do so. He will go to Doly about the matter and  
 perhaps you & he can wind the affair up

Re Ames

If anything has been done in this case you  
 might drop me at note to Mossam in any time  
 up to 10th Oct. also about Crighton

Yours truly  
 W. B. Coell

Ohue. may say that he collected  
 money & applied on acct he has against the  
 Company, if the first place he lies as he has  
 no claim against Company. If he had with that  
 we had no money to do



Oak Lake Sept 30 1890

J. J. Calvert Esq.  
Winnipeg  
Man

Dear Sir

Re Val Williams

Manly gave me these notes, he could do nothing with them & said the old man had disposed of his land to his children some years ago & the property had again been sold to other children, Williams is now a squatter carrying on Blacksmith Shop in a small way here. I gave him back his notes & Enclose anew note for \$100 with an endorser as good as the wheat.

Wm Williams

I also Enclose Wm Williams notes

Re Geo Vickery

Two of these notes have been paid off. & the O'Don principal of the first one & he said he had paid out the interest in repairs & would pay no more. The second one the principal & int to due date was paid 3 mos after due. One note was paid



off altogether & they remained only the lost  
 note #3196 \$5 Int. The machinery as usual was  
 reg. & the old man was cursing himself  
 because he had paid a cent & refused to pay  
 more. I had quite a time with the old lady she  
 would see everybody in H - before they would pay  
 another cent for the d - thing & they both  
 emphatically declared, & I think sincerely  
 though possibly mistaken, that the notes were  
 not theirs. & they would swear that his notes were  
 made out & signed with indelible pencil & C & C  
 If we went to court & a farmers jury I thought  
 it would not be unlikely for them to find not  
 a forgery. & that for as a settlement would be  
 the best thing so after 12 hours talk. & a good  
 deal of bluff. I got a new note from the old  
 man for \$45. which I enclosed. and when he  
 pays this I honestly think he has paid enough  
 for machine. I gave up old notes as this was  
 only way we could get a new one

Re Crighton

He says Daly & Caldwell sued him per J Donohue on all  
 these notes & that he paid all to them so Donohue told  
 him to pay no attention to our letters. I explained our  
 position to him & he is coming into Brandon the last  
 of the week to see about it. I sent the note back



to McDonald

Thos L Hellinell

I have just met this man's Cousin who says he is back at Rosser farming I return note, could you not see this man also Thomas at Rosser.

Re Chisholm

I got these notes from Manby & saw Chisholm. we did not settle. Chisholm owns  $3\frac{1}{4}$  of section & has 160 acres wheat he says there are no mages on his farm so he says. & that he will pay if he has to, but not unless. He is a very decent fellow. & I think will come to time. Manby wrote him once about note & Chisholm called to see him with a witness & asked who held notes. Manby replied "The North American Coy." Chisholm said this was all he wanted machinery, ng. & to see away. I return you notes I would have given you issue writ at once on the Bank notes & send out for service. I think it will be a 2 B. suit. If County Court would it had to be sued at Brandon. Chisholm said he thought McDonald would be his solicitor. Chisholm is good as cash & we should not settle at a very large discount I would have taken \$750 yesterday I think now we should get \$500 & cost or perhaps \$300 & cost. Chisholm returned



machine I advertised holes in papers.

If you place holes in Gilmours hands you might write me. I will write him. If it has to be sued in Brandon had we better give them time D.

B McDonald

This man you say lives at Viola Dole about 4 miles from here. I have nothing else up that way. Cant the Bailiff work him?

I did not get away to Viridian last night. as I was to go for train it was 12 o'clock when I got in I made between 70 & 80 miles yesterday with one team. I am going up in fright this am.  
Re your notes.

I enclose list with Manbys report in margin when out at Bradwardine yesterday I enquired for Mr McKenjie. there was a woman McKenjie who was on Mowatt Stranges farm. This man has shipped Country. there is another woman on Oak River.

Ed Parker is at  
McKenzie Butchering Can you get after him?  
I think this completes my budget this morning  
Yours truly,  
Mr. Rowell



OAK Lake Sept 30 1890

Mr Fraser Esq.  
Barrisford  
London Ont

Dear Mr Fraser,

I have nothing very special to report for the past week. The work has been progressing in a fairly satisfactory manner. I have made a number of settlements about the same as those reported in previous letters, but it is not necessary to weary you with the details. Some parties who were supposed to have left the Country I have succeeded in locating but many more I have not. It seems a pity that these matters were not pushed 2 or 3 years ago when thousands of Dollars that will now be lost might have been saved. In two or 3 cases where the parties are good & I could not settle on satisfactory terms I have written Mr Calvert to sue & I imagine they will all come to him. There are very few who do not appear to realize that our position is good & that they must pay if the facts are as we state them. But they rely on Rogers letters signed in the name



the Toy season the fact that we have not pressed  
 our claims. In more than one case the parties have  
 said "why didn't you sue long ago. if you think  
 you can win" or "I told you years ago I would  
 not pay why didn't you sue" & to such persons  
 I have not a moment's doubt as to what we would  
 do in case they would not settle. & if we  
 follow up what I have said by a writ I think  
 most of them will come to time. I honestly can't  
 blame them much for not wanting to pay. if  
 they can help it. for to understand the character  
 of the machinery one has to but travel a few  
 miles through the country. I think there can  
 be little doubt but that in many cases the  
 machines have been the cause of <sup>the</sup> loss  
 to the respective owners by loss of crop in  
 attempting to make the things work. I had  
 quite an instructive address from a farmer's  
 wife yesterday about this machinery. I was  
 talking to the husband about holes when she  
 came up. Her vigorous language for about  
 15 minutes was along this line "I would see  
 them all in H— before I would pay another  
 cent for the D— thing & C & C. & around up  
 by saying that it had caused more swearing  
 ten times over than it was worth. I settled up



the husband however notwithstanding her protests. The best plan I find is, to use a slang Expression, "To stay right with them" & after they have worked off their bile you can generally get down to business. I had one delicate case last week where the note was \$500 & a cumulated interest amounting in all to over \$800. The note was outlawed, why Calvert allowed this, I don't know, unless he thought the man was n.g. or had left the Country, as a matter of fact he was away for two or three years but is now back. I had Gilman issue a writ with this as a bluff I got renewals for \$50. I think the fellow will try to pay & in a year we will be able to make him pay. he owns 1/2 sec. or his homestead & preemption worth at least \$500 but has not yet got his Patent nor paid his preemption which is \$400. He has 75 acres of wheat in this year on shares with his brother & is going on the farm next year to work it himself. so although it is still a doubtful claim in the sense that we could not at present make the money, I think we are sure to get the amount in a year or two at most. \$50 is payable this fall. He will pay this out of his crop. \$400 next fall, which expect a payoff of next years crop, if not he



will have completed his homestead duties & hopes to have Patent by that time & will raise the money on his farm.

The weather still continues most favorable for harvesting. The last few days are the warmest we have had since I came to Manitoba & by the end of this week if no change takes place harvest will be almost completed. Notwithstanding the damage by frost & rain the crops will still be magnificent & there is not much grain but what will bring as good a price as the best has done other years & the best grain will bring 30 cts per Bush more.

I came down to Tilden today noon & will leave for Mossburn in the Territorial tomorrow night.

I saw by the paper that Mr R M Meredith had been appointed to vacant Judgeship in Chy Div. was this a surprise. I never heard his name mentioned for such a position.

The Driving still continues pleasant this fine weather I made between 20 or 30 miles yesterday with a span of ponies but did not get in in time to catch my train. It left at 10.<sup>pm</sup> & I did not get in until 12 PM.

Yours truly  
M R Cowell



Moosomin Oct 4 1890

Mr Fraser Esq.  
Barrister at  
Law  
Kandamut.

Dear Mr Fraser.

Your letter of the 7th Sept. came to hand in due time having been forwarded to me here. As you see by the heading of my letter I am gradually working my way westward but I expect to make a considerable halt here it will take some time to get from this town to Regina. Mr Forbes our solicitor here has more <sup>of any</sup> holes for collection by far than any in Manitoba and I might add with a good deal of <sup>of any</sup> knowles about them. I expect he has a rather good practice & his time maybe well taken up and I would judge except in a few special cases, he has simply written the parties & where they did not pay the thought they were worth it advised suit which advice so he says was in most cases not followed and in many cases where the machinery was not first class he reported this story to Calvert. These also stood over. I have sent to day in



Endeavouring to get the work into shape. There are  
 about 150 holes scattered over a territory about  
 30 miles East, West of this point & extending  
 about 60 miles each side of Ry. My method  
 of procedure was to get a map of the Country  
 go through the holes & get a description of the  
 man's land & then mark every man's name &  
 location on the map. & by this means I can take  
 a certain section for each day's drive as I think  
 the best thing to be done under the circumstances  
 is to personally see every man. many of them  
 Indians say no uq. but I am not satisfied that  
 he really knows their position & though it will take  
 much longer than I had expected to spend in this  
 district the expensive as the drives are long  
 yet in the interests of the Collections & for the  
 satisfaction of knowing what the true state of  
 facts is I think I should take the trip around.  
 in fact I have already struck one man whom  
 we never could locate before. just caught him  
 the last day before the hole outlawed. I got a  
 renewal note payable 12 Decr. the man so  
 Indians & all say is as good as the wheat. The note  
 was not large might but interest brought it up  
 to 25. this will go some distance at least to  
 pay expenses.



After two or three weeks of delightful weather it has again turned cold raining for the past two days. The Harvest however is almost completed though some grain is still in the shock I am in hopes however that it will clear up before Monday. as I wish to get in a big weeks work and we cant do very heavy driving in this country over muddy roads.

I think the crops in the Territories are more injured by frost than in Manitoba as yet very little threshing has been done out here and to estimate the damage would be simply guess work. The prices however are very satisfactory to the farmers good wheat bringing from 80 to 90 Cts & inferior from 60 to 80. 60 is about the highest they got for good not hard last year. I noted what you said about the Case where Binder has run back at once & made our Collection selling forth our position & stated that on payment of \$5 or \$10 we would deliver up the notes also noted your remarks in last letter re delivering up notes in cases where machinery useless & the parties poor. If we were to carry out the idea in its entirety & allow sentiment to govern we would deliver up possibly  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{1}{3}$  at least of our Collections



Of course I know you don't mean that. The principal I have tried to carry out is to get all I can without really driving the man to the wall. In fact where the claims are at all large we must give the man a chance in our own interests. In order that he may work it out. If I continue to work along this line I trust it will be satisfactory to Mr Cobalt.

I hope you did not think by my references more than once to the machinery (due possibly to the fact that I never get out a day but what I meet with it) that I thought it was oppression on the part of Mr Cobalt to collect these notes. I certainly had no such thought. business is business and in the great majority of cases where our position is fairly presented to the parties though they believe they have been swindled & possibly they have they don't look upon us as the swindlers or oppressors. Had our position been properly presented to them before I don't think the settlements would have been so long delayed and I have found that after all is said & done there are but comparatively few men but what if you talk to them fairly & candidly you can soon convince them that you are prepared to deal fairly by them and except in a few cases



when the business has all been done I have left  
the parties in the best of terms.

During the past three weeks I have been  
navigating the Country without a drive. it  
saves \$ per day. & I have not got lost very often  
on two or three different occasions I have  
driven from 20 to 30 miles after dark through  
an unknown Country & turned up safe & sound  
at the end of the journey. I could not do it  
of course if the days were not bright & the nights  
clear for if there is not much settlement where  
I can make enquiries I have to guide my  
course by the sun or stars as the case may  
be as I think I have before written there  
are no roads or fences in this Country & the  
hills wind in every direction as it is within  
15 minutes of 10 o'clock I must close. In  
ordinary conversation the ny hour system  
is not much used up here.  
with kind regards to all in that price

Yours sincerely  
T. W. Russell

I would like if Mr. Wood would send me  
two more of these books. for writing with  
Stencel pen I don't think they keep them out  
west.



Moosomin Oct 10, 1890

W A Macdonald Esq  
Attorney C  
Brandon Man

Dear Sir/

Re Crighton  
This is John Lobell Note -  
Re Scott

I am just a little surprised at David Scott depending after his direct admissions and promise to pay made to us when out to see him. I do not expect to be back in Brandon unless it is necessary perhaps at all or at least for a couple of months as after I complete my work along the line & this will take me about a month or 5 weeks I intend going through to the Coast & down to San Francisco coming home via U.S. to N.Y. I can however make as strong an affidavit as you think necessary based upon our conversation while out at Scott's place. Can we now to strike out defence in afft in your CC? I agree with you that it makes a fellow feel like pushing other notes but we don't want to have a protracted fight with a man of straw



What are these other Scott Notes given for, my  
 recollection was a globe works Binder but I see  
 I have only two Notes & these would not make  
 up a Binders price. Do you think it would be  
 wise to delay action until we see how we come  
 out in this present action. I mean as to making  
 money. There can be no doubt about our being  
 bona fide holders of the North American & Stevens  
 Miners Burns Coys paper. And I am instructed  
 from London that the same applies to globe  
 works Notes. These were transferred by Copley  
 & Sons Bank & about afterwards took over  
 acct from hold notes. I will be hear for ten days  
 yet & if you wish an acct within that time I  
 will be pleased to make it. If not you might  
 let me know when you will. I will keep you  
 posted as to my whereabouts.

Enclosed find \$5. borrowed from you I am  
 sorry to have been so long delayed in returning  
 Amount. accept my sincere thanks for kindness  
 shown.

Yours truly  
Thos Rowell

I have settled Robert & Lewis with Sept on at  
 \$50. so kindly let the amt drop you asked



Walseley Oct 21 1890

White Egg 2C

Massachusetts

Dear Sir,

I Enclose you a note for Jas Barber  
to Westbrook Partridge now held by Mr Jacobast  
for \$381 + Int. Mr Campbell informs me that  
this man should be good for about due which  
is something over \$60. He threshed the other day  
and has about 400 Bushels wheat. I did not  
have time to go and see him. I think you told me the  
other day that you had an agent in Whitewood  
he might be able to catch him when he brings wheat.  
If you think better still. I wish the money  
made and am not particular how you do it.  
The note has now stood a number of years Barber  
must pay up this year. Kindly give the matter your  
best attention. There may not be much time to  
lose if others are pressing he will likely be selling  
his wheat. If your agent at Whitewood could get  
a chattel mortgage from him we might wait a month  
or so but I would not trust him that long  
until the securities are. Kindly acknowledge  
receipt to Calvert  
Yours truly  
Wm Rowland



Molsley Oct 23 1890

79 Calvert Esq

Bay 1319

Wpa

Dear Sir,

Inclosed find following notes

#9680 + 9686 Cobell Bros last trace of them in  
Montana or western States

Mr Boulais 7332. If the Country may be  
out towards Edmonton N.Y.

#11377, 11378 Parker South I did not see these  
men as you reported their good. They should be  
made to pay up this fall

#110012 Henry Oliver #11094 Joe Rouse #11000  
Robinson said to write I have written him

Yours truly  
Wm Rouse



Lucasville Oct 27/1890

Lucasville Esq

Box 1310

Mumfry

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find Lucas notes  
thru Lucas notes 13514 + 13519.

Note - A M + William Hixon for 130 I don't see  
any reason why Hixon should get Commission  
on this note

Also Enclosed find notes Walker Brody due  
July 9, 1891 1st Party \$30 Each

Yours truly  
M. Howell



Indian Head Oct 29 1890

F Forbes Esq  
Attorney at  
Law

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find note RHC Be  
for \$ due Jan 16 No 10710.

I did not see Young Blythe but saw his father. He  
got off a long story about harrow ng. & returned them  
what in any case his son is ng.

I am informed that the son has a homestead  
& you had better take a crack at him. The note is John  
Roberts & Rindley, issue a writ at once in his name  
I will be glad to hear from you at any time in  
reference to Collections or any particular sent or note  
Rindley acknowledge receipt of this note & of James  
note sent you the other day. Tell us sent Boy 1319  
It pg will be forwarded

Yours truly  
M. Rowell



Indian Head

Nov 3rd 1890

J. Halverley

Box 1219

Nunavut

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find following notes

James Cull stal 75<sup>th</sup> due Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 92James Cull stal 75 due Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 93Robert Scott stal 20 . Jan'y 1<sup>st</sup> 91Robert Scott stal 33 . Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 91

Claude Hamilton stal #9261, 9262 + 9263 Cont. fund any to

C. Hall #16 in 9069, 9070 + 9071.

McBell #16 due Nov 86 #13651

James McDonald stal 9078, 9079 + 9080.

Angus McKerny 100 Jan'y 18 + 100<sup>th</sup> due Jan'y 89

J. Gilles #22 due 7864 85 sup paid westbrook 89.

Ouy we cannot again collect

R. D. McQualt stal # 10077, 10078, 10079 + 10080

Informed to you on these before

G. W. Faulkner # 9042 76<sup>th</sup> due Dec 89" # 8104 86<sup>th</sup> due Dec 89Samuel Shenden # 840 36<sup>th</sup> due 7864 85.L. Fraser #13558 25<sup>th</sup> " Oct 86. send towhile see if he can locate him I heard he was  
brushing near Vinden

Jim Piller #30 due Oct 1, 90 will send you



It is full in a few days but does not bear out.  
but I added a to for trouble of going to see him.

L. Kearns # 9097 & 9098

Samuel Reper farming at High Bluff should  
be able to pay Gurnsey says we have judgment  
that he went out once to make a engine have pay  
any more of judgment from strong # 11269. So  
W. J. Robinson 9575 is due Jan'y 16

London

Lame Bell # 9309, 9310, 9351 & 9352

Chas Thompson # 9329 & 9375 due Jan'y 16 wrote you  
before about this man

Joseph Earl # 11634 & 11633 by writing to St Johns  
Dakota or Burlington Minn. Let Cole see if you can  
to Cole him I will keep these holes I may be  
going near these places

This is all at present

Yours truly  
M. Rowell



Regma m. 7. 1890

Ad H. K. Smith  
 Attorney at  
 Law  
 Quappella m.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find note # 9819  
 for \$1000 due Jan 16. Note # 9348. Cavanagh  
 & Caperton due Jan 17 for \$100.00 also Chat  
 Mogg Caperton North American by 1046. Mogg  
 Cavanagh to Coy 1046. Mogg Indoll to Hoball  
 Mogg Farrall to Hoball 59.8 Mogg McLean  
 Hoball 27 00

Kindly acknowledge to J. L. Wainwright

Yours truly  
 W. H. Howell